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Pest Detection and Management Programs

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Asian longhorned beetle - The first confirmed ALB adult was detected July 24, 2003, in New York. A Queens resident found the adult on a sidewalk and reported it to program officials. The beetle was found within the core of the infestation in Western Queens. The closest host tree is about 200 feet away from where the beetle was found. Program personnel are inspecting the surrounding host trees, with no confirmed source to date. Host trees in this location in New York were not treated this year due to reduced program funds.

Emerald ash borer - Program officials report small outbreaks consisting of a few trees each in Eaton, Genesee, Ingham, Jackson, Kent, Ottawa, Saginaw, and St Clair Counties in MI. Delimiting and investigative activities are ongoing. Several of the sites appear to be due to the movement of infested nursery stock within the past year. Program officials met last week to develop uniform protocol for responding to these outbreak sites. The Michigan Department of Agriculture has regulated seven additional counties: Genesee, Ingham, Jackson, Lapeer, Lenawee, Shiawasee, and St Clair. On August 6, program officials are meeting in Brighton, MI to formulate the FY 2004 emergency funding request. We intend to submit the draft request by August 20, 2003. In September, the program is planning a review of this year's research activities to ascertain if any new technologies or methods will soon be available for survey or control. Also in September, the Science Panel will meet to evaluate research and program progress and current strategies.

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